

## Text 1

# Avengers Endgame: The Marvel Cinematic Universe explained

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Marvel sequel Avengers: Endgame hits UK cinemas on 25 April and is widely expected to be the biggest release of 2019.

The film will be the 22nd entry in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, which began with 2008's Iron Man.

If you want to watch Endgame, but feel daunted by the sheer size of the MCU, never fear!

Here's everything you need to know.

What is the Marvel Cinematic Universe?

The Marvel Cinematic Universe - or MCU for short - is the shared place where all 22 films featuring the comic book characters are set.

Each tells its own distinct story but also connects with other films in the MCU, to tell an overarching tale. It's a technique

Marvel Comics pioneer Stan Lee also used in his comics.

The MCU is the most successful film franchise of all time, making more than \$18.2bn (£13.7bn) to date.

**Ordinal number**

*The superlative requires the definite article*

**Only one Marvel Cinematic Universe**

**Talking about a specific film, previously mentioned**

**Specific size, only one**

**Only one Marvel Cinematic Universe and previously mentioned**

**Only one Marvel Cinematic Universe and previously mentioned**

**Only one shared place**

**Specific comic book characters**

**First time this is mentioned**

**First time this is mentioned**

**Superlative form**

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## Text 2

### Everlane Just Launched Their Sustainable Sneakers, and They Look So Damn Comfy

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Everlane is a clothing brand known for making incredible, high-quality, and comfy basics. They've got your staple jeans, sweaters, T-shirts, bags—basically anything you need for a solid wardrobe. The only thing that's been missing: sneakers. That is, until today, because Everlane just launched their first sneaker line called Tread by Everlane.

The trendy leather sneakers come in seven different colors, including neutrals like gray, white, and black, along with fun pink and yellow hues. The sneakers are totally unisex, available in men's sizes 7–13 and women's sizes 5–12. What's more, these ring in at a pretty sweet price tag: just \$98 for a pair.

First time mentioned

First time mentioned

Only one specific thing

Previously mentioned

Previously mentioned

First time this is mentioned

Expression of quantity

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## Text 3

### See the world's oldest trees by starlight

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In one giant sequoia's lifetime multiple generations of humans will be born and die. These enormous trees, native to California, can live for thousands of years. Though that time frame is considerable, writes photographer [Beth Moon](#) in her book, *Ancient Skies, Ancient Trees*, "compared to the age of the stars above, it is not even a blink of an eye."

A self-taught photographer with a fine art background, Moon has been photographing trees for 20 years. She spent much of that time shooting on film and then processing her images using a 19<sup>th</sup>-century black-and-white method called platinum palladium printing. For more than a decade she photographed trees all over the world from sunrise to sunset.

But then Moon came across a scientific study that suggests a correlation between tree growth and galactic cosmic radiation. "As I thought about it," she says, "it made so much sense; you know the sun is a star anyway—so why wouldn't there be this very strong correlation with starlight at night as well as our sun during the day?"

**Annotations:**

- First time mentioned:** Points to "Beth Moon" and "the stars".
- Time period:** Points to "the age of the stars".
- Know what is being referred to:** Points to "the stars".
- First time mentioned:** Points to "a blink of an eye".
- Job:** Points to "A self-taught photographer".
- First time mentioned:** Points to "a fine art background".
- First time mentioned:** Points to "a 19<sup>th</sup>-century black-and-white method".
- Single number:** Points to "a decade".
- Only one exists:** Points to "the world".
- First time mentioned:** Points to "a scientific study".
- Only one exists:** Points to "the sun".
- First time mentioned:** Points to "a star anyway".
- Time of day:** Points to "the day".

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